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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This responds to the Advisory Action mailed on March 18, 1999, in connection with the above-captioned patent application.

Claims 12-19 and 23-25, all claims pending in this application, appear to stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 because the claim of priority allegedly is incomplete without a new Declaration citing the priority documents. Applicants enclose herewith such a Declaration, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

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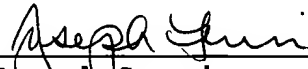
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It is believed all of the claims presently before the Examiner patentably define the invention over the prior art and are otherwise in condition for ready allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

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